

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1715 by Ellis (Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to add vehicles operated by a county, a municipality, or a toll project entity to the list of applicable vehicles that if certain conditions exist a motor vehicle operator must vacate the lane closest to. The bill would also add stationary vehicles operated by the Department of Transportation, a county, a municipality, or a toll project entity assisting a stranded driver or a disabled vehicle to the list of applicable vehicles that if certain conditions exist a motor vehicle operator must vacate the lane closest to the stationary vehicle.

Local Government Impact

There would be additional revenue to local governmental entities that would vary depending on the number of instances drivers committed an offense; however, the amounts are not anticipated to be significant. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources; and revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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